Burdwan-Jhajha, Burdwan-Dhanbad and Asansol-Kharagpur Sections as Suburban Railways

533. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal to declare (i) Burdwan-Jhajha; (ii) Burdwan-Dhanbad and (iii) Asansol-Kharagpur sections of Eastern Railway and South-East Railway respectively as suburban railways; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telecommunication services in Tripura

534. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the deteriorating telecommunication services in Tripura;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the services in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Telecommunication services in Tripura have not deteriorated.

(b) Question Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) However, for further improvement of telecommunication services in Tripura following important projects have been completed/planned:-

(1) 4 Satellite earth stations have been installed at Belonia, Kamalpur, Khowai and Subroom.

(2) National subscriber dialling/ International subscriber dialling have been introduced at Agartala in September, 1987.

(3) 5 New multi access radio relay systems including one STD PCo at Agartala Airport have been commissioned.

(4) Overhead wires of trunk circuits to various sub-divisional and block headquarters have been planned to be replaced by VHF and UHF systems.

(5) Point to Point STD to Radha-Kishorpur, Kailashahar and Dharam-pur from Agartala have been planned to be introduced.

(6) Agartala exchange will be expanded from 3000 lines to 3600 lines.

(7) Maunal exchange at Kailashahar will be replaced by automatic one.

(8) It has also been planned to instal some more long distance public telephones and small automatic exchanges.

Transfer of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

535. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of teachers were recruited by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 1984 for being posted specifically in the North-Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, in what circumstances?